

we're taking the requirement for a seven-eighths boxed end wrench and we're supplementing it with a crescent wrench or adjustable end wrench, we're not giving the useful tools we need for our Chamber of Commerces and other people around the state to keep our local businesses in the state and help to attract other ones. But I hope between now and Select File we can work something out to be a little more amenable to have a better tool that we can use for the retention and attractions of new businesses.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I came to the floo today assuming that I was going to support 270 in the form in which it came from committee and would be very supportive of the bill. I was very supportive of LB 1124 and as Senator Hefner and others have pointed out, it has been a beneficial tool just in its short history in attracting businesses such as Appleton Electric to Columbus and some others. However, after listening to the debate here today I become less and less convinced that we as a body really know what we're doing with this bill and what sort of direction we are carrying the states with this particular matter. One of the things that has concerned me about this bill, other bills and our way of doing business here in the Legislature is, we have very, very poor institutional memory. Part of that is because we're all so...a lot of us are new. I've only been here four years and I am right in the middle of seniority. Part of it is because we're all so busy with other pieces of legislation that we are sponsoring or having coming through our committees, we don't take the time to do the research. On 270 I was concerned enough about this bill as the debate went on after listening to some of Senator Johnson's comments, some of Senator Landis's comments, some of the comments coming from other members of the body that I asked my aide to get me a copy of 1124 that passed last year and that seems like it ought to be an automatic sort of thing. If we're amending a piece of legislation that we passed a year ago, we ought to at least get ahold of the full piece of legislation and look at it. One of the things that struck my fancy was we were so concerned last year when we passed 1124 that we added Section 9 and Section 10. Section 9 of the bill said that the tax commissioner was directed to prepare a report identifying the impact on this particular bill on our tax base. That particular report was to be presented to the Legislature on March 15 of 1988. A year from now we were supposed to get the first report of the impact of this bill. Then we were going to